

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:624

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has provided financial assistance to the States during the last three years for the development and upgradation of agricultural infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to announce a Rs. 5000 crore package for agriculture to deal with natural disasters;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the contribution of Centre and States therein;
- (f) whether the Government also proposes to generate extra resources for National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to increase its refinancing capabilities; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Plan expenditure during the last three years under various schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for development of agriculture including upgradation of agricultural infrastructure is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Actual expenditure on Plan Schemes
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2004-05 2676.77

2005-06 3848.16

2006-07 4675.03

2007-08 5428.30

(upto 31st January, 2008)

(c): In view of the reply to parts (a) and (b) above, question does not arise.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): In view of the reply to part (d) above, question does not arise.

(f) & (g): Information is being collected.